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E.O. 12065: GDS 09/24/87 (HIRSCH, JOHN) OR-P  
TAGS: PEPR: SOPN, EG, US, XD

SUBJECT: (C) GOP CONCERN OVER SADAT COMMENTS ON ARMS  
FOR MUJAWIDEEN

REF: (A) STATE 254479 (B) STATE 254629

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.
2. IN COURSE OF VISIT BY POLCOUNSELOR TO MFA SEPTEMBER 24 P.M. ON OTHER MATTERS, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AFGHANISTAN ZAHID SAEED ASKED FOR TRANSCRIPT OF SADAT'S NBC INTERVIEW ON EGYPTIAN ASSISTANCE TO U.S. FOR PROVISION OF ARMS TO AFGHAN REBELS, AND FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S COMMENT. SAEED ONLY HAD INCOMPLETE URDU SUMMARY OF  
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SADAT'S REMARKS. WE PROVIDED HIM WITH RELEVANT EXCERPTS OF SADAT INTERVIEW AND FULL TEXT OF SPOKESMAN'S EXCHANGE WITH PRESS CORPS AS PER REFTELS, HIGHLIGHTING THAT SPOKESMAN'S "NO COMMENT" APPROACH WAS SET FORTH AS CONSISTENT DEPARTMENT POLICY ON STATEMENTS OF THIS KIND.

3. SAEED, WHO INITIALLY WAS QUITE DISTURBED THAT SADAT HAD ADDRESSED THE ISSUE AT ALL, BECAME MORE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

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RELAXED WHEN HE SAW THAT SADAT HAD MADE NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF PAKISTAN. AT SAME TIME, HE INDICATED CONCERN THAT SADAT'S REMARKS WOULD BE PICKED UP BY SOVIETS AND OTHERS TO EXERT PRESSURE ON PAKISTAN.

4. MFA IS NOW AT WORK ON PREPARING CONTINGENCY RESPONSE, ANTICIPATING THAT INTERNATIONAL MEDIA WILL ASK FOR GOP REACTION. GOP PROBABLY ALSO WILL TAKE "NO COMMENT" LINE.KING

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